KA-BOOM!
OOF!
SKREEEEEEAAK!
URU, WHERE ARE THE OTHERS? WE'VE GOT TO HURRY!
I THINK WE'RE ON OUR OWN NOW, CREDENZA.
ANY SIGN OF LAND?
DRIP
DRIP
IT'S SO DARK... WAIT! I SEE SOMETHING!

I SAW A LIGHT, JUST FOR A SECOND.
OVER THERE!
I DON'T SEE ANYTHING. WHO KNOWS HOW FAR IT IS?
DON'T WORRY, URU.
I KNOW YOUR LEG HURTS.
I'LL SWIM SLOW, SO YOU WON'T GET LEFT BEHIND!
I KNOW LITTLE SISTER. THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
RUMBLE
CRASH!

YOUR WRIST BAND?
LISTEN CREDENZA, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.
YOU WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE LIKE THIS.
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SWIM LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT. FIND LAND! FIND PEOPLE WHO WILL HELP YOU! TRY TO FORGET THIS NIGHTMARE.
WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS? YOU'RE COMING WITH ME! WE'RE GOING TO BE FREE TOGETHER!
I'M SORRY, LITTLE SISTER.
NO! NO!
URU!

SPLASH
I'M SORRY.
slump
HEY, UP THERE... I KNOW WE'VE NEVER BEEN ON GOOD TERMS... BUT IF YOU COULD MAYBE DO THIS ONE THING...
Hey! There's another one out here!
...WATCH OUT FOR HER.
THUNK!

skrtch
shhk
sktch-sktch
skreeek
HI!
OH, PLEASE TELL ME I'M DEAD. YOU CERTAINLY DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU BELONG AMONG THE LIVING.
I MEAN, I'VE NEVER BEEN ONE TO HOPE FOR DEATH, BUT IN THIS CASE DEATH'S LOOKING PRETTY GOOD, COMPARED-
TO WHAT, URUZ TO BEING ALIVE? THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE.
THE FUNNY THING IS, BY THE NORMAL LAWS OF MEDICINE, THAT SHOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE.

THUD!
AN ARROW TO THE HEART AND YOU HEAL AS SOON AS THE WEAPON'S REMOVED.
YET MINOR WOUNDS HEAL NORMALLY. MOST INTRIGUING.
I JUST WANT TO WARN YOU, IF YOU'RE HOPING I'LL BE STRONG AND RESOLUTE IN THE FACE OF TORTURE, THINK AGAIN.
FIVE MINUTES AND I'LL CRY LIKE A BABY, NO KIDDING. I'LL PROBABLY THROW UP TOO. I ASSURE YOU, IT WON'T BE FUN FOR EITHER OF US.
You said that? Right to his FACE?
WELL, AT THE TIME I THOUGHT IT WAS MY LAST CHANCE TO POKE FUN AT THE OLD MAN.
NOW LET ME FINISH THE STORY.
SLURP!
URU, I ALREADY KNOW JUST HOW EASILY I COULD BREAK YOU. IF I HAD WANTED TO DO THAT I WOULD HAVE KILLED THE GIRL YEARS AGO.
I'D ACTUALLY BEEN SAVING THAT JOY FOR A RAINY DAY BUT... WELL, QUE SERA SERA.

THAT'S WHAT THIS IS REALLY ABOUT, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A SLAVE'S ESCAPED FROM YOU, ISN'T IT? ONE OF YOUR TOYS GOT TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU AND IT'S DRIVING YOU CRAZY.
SO GO AHEAD AND DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO ME! IT DOESN'T MATTER!
BECAUSE I KNOW SHE'S SAFE, AND YOU CAN'T TAKE THAT HAPPY THOUGHT FROM ME YOU MONSTER!
HISSSSSS!
THUNK!
FLUMP!

I'VE HAD THIS OLD THING FOR YEARS, EVER SINCE I MET OUR SLOBBERY FRIEND, BRINDLE-FLY.
HE CAN DO AMAZING THINGS WITH A PELT AND A FEW MARKS ON THE FLOOR WITH CHALK.
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS, WHEN HE DOES THESE AMAZING THINGS TO PEOPLE THEY HAVE A NASTY HABIT OF DYING.
RATHER HORRIBLY, ACTUALLY.
LAST TIME IT TOOK WEEKS TO GET ALL THE BLOOD OFF THE CEILING.
AND THEN, LIKE A GIFT FROM HEAVEN, I FIND YOU HAVE THIS REMARKABLE TALENT FOR NOT DYING!
I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO TO YOU IS FUELED SIMPLY BY SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITY-
-AND NOT SOME PETTY, SPITEFUL SENSE OF REVENGE.
NO, I'LL WAIT. WHEN YOUR QUIPPING TONGUE CAN ONLY HOWL, AND YOUR THIEVING HANDS ARE CLUMSY PAWS-
-AND YOUR CLEVER MIND IS BURIED UNDER BESTIAL HUNGER AND INSTINCT AND STUPIDITY-
THEN I WILL BECOME TRULY-
-SPITEFUL.

AND THAT'S IT. NEXT THING I KNOW, I'M WAKING UP AS A JABBER-WOCKY!
SO, IF SNOW CHANGED YOU INTO A JABBERWOCKY, WHAT CHANGED YOU BACK?
I THINK IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT SPELL CIRCLE ON MY BACK.
WHEN MY BACK GOT CUT UP, IT MUST HAVE BROKEN THE CIRCLE AND DESTROYED THE SPELL.
Why didn't you tell us you were a human?
IT WASN'T JUST MY BODY THAT WAS CHANGED, IT WAS MY BRAIN TOO!
If you had somehow shown us who you were, we would have tried to help!
I COULDN'T HAVE TOLD YOU I WAS REALLY A HUMAN EVEN IF THE THOUGHT HAD OCCURRED TO ME! ALL I CARED ABOUT WAS EATING AND BEING COMFY!
MY BRAIN WAS SO SIMPLE AND BESTIAL, I FORGOT I HAD EVER BEEN HUMAN AT ALL!

CREDENZA?
HEY CREDENZA, WHAT'S WRONG? WE'VE FOUND EACH OTHER AGAIN! WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SAD?
SQUISH
SQUISH
IE YAM HAFFY, URU! REERY! ISH JUSH... I UNNO!
HEY, BACK OFF! THE GIRL'S TIRED, OKAY? STOP PAWING HER!
DON'T GET YOUR NOSE BENT OUT OF... OH, SORRY, I FORGOT. ACTUALLY...
WIPE
LOOK, WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HUMAN AGAIN, BUT WE'RE ALL A LITTLE STRAINED AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME TO-
ARGH!
POKE!